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WE WOULD BE THE LAST TO DIFFER WITH EMBASSY WARSAW ON ALMOST ANYTHING, PARTICULARLY IN A MATTER WHERE EMBASSY BUCHAREST --WHICH SEEMS TO DO VERY WELL DEFENDING ITS OWN TURF -- IS INVOLVED, BUT OUR RUMANIAN FRIENDS HERE TELL US THAT NEXT TO THE RUSSIANS, THEY DID FAR MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE IN LIBERATING CZECHOSLO-VAKIA, LOSING SOME 66,000 MEN IN FREEING ALL OF SOUTHERN MORAVIA. WHETHER 'RUMAIN'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE OVERALL WAR EFFORT IS AT ALL COMPARABLE WITH POLAND'S IS OF COURSE A MATTER OF DEBATE, BUT WE SUSPECT THAT SOME PATRIOTIC RUMANIANS WOULD BE PREPARED TO GIVE WARSAW AN ARGUMENT. THIS IS OF COURSE A MINOR POINT AND DOES NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF WARSAW'S MESSAGE. IT IS SAD HERE TO SEE THE CZECHOSLOVAKS SOSUBSERVIENT TO THE SOVIETS THAT THEY DISTORT HISTORY -- EVEN TO THE POINT OF DISSERVICE TO THEIR WARSAW PACT ALLIES, BOTH POLAND AND RUMANIA -- IN ORDER TO GIVE THE RED ARMY ENTIRE AND FALSE CREDIT FOR THE LIBERATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. PERRY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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